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This Week's Services

7.30am - Peranakan Service

Speaker: Nyonya Habibah Samadi

Sermon Title: "Lagi Senang Bersama-sama"

Scripture Lesson: Ibrani 10:24-25, Pengkhotbah 3:9-10

9am & 11.15am - Sanctuary & Celebration Services

Speaker: Pastor Karen Gan-Tay

Sermon Title: It's Harvest Time!

Scripture Lesson: John 4:34-35

9am - Youth Service

Speaker: Mr Glenn Lim

Sermon Title: Against All Odds (We Will Follow God)

9am & 11.15am - Mandarin Services

Speaker: Mrs Judith Chua

Sermon Title: "Loving God, Loving Others"

Scripture Lesson: Mark 12:30-31

Next Week at PLMC

TUE, 24 OCT

7.45pm - D&N: Disciple 1 Course

Haven Room

SAT, 28 OCT

9.30am - D&N: Baptism & Membership Class

Conference Room

2.30pm - Mandarin Service Baptism & Membership Class

Jordan Hall

4.00pm - Peranakan Fellowship

Jerusalem Room

SUN, 29 OCT

2.15pm - Children's Ministry (Silver Boxes): Daughters of the King

(MOTHER + DAUGHTER AFTERNOON TEA)

Jordan Hall

Cell Focus Sunday

We are observing Cell Focus Sunday TODAY where you can find out what it is like to be in a cell group, and how being in a cell group can benefit you and your family. There will be booths in the Fellowship Hall and friendly faces to answer all your questions, so see you there!

Cell Groups

If you wish to be involved in a vibrant community of believers - sharing life experiences, encouraging one another, developing deep fellowship with others, praying and being prayed for, worshipping and studying God's Word - join a cell group **TODAY!** For more information, email cellministry@plmc.org.

Electronic Funds Transfer for Tithes and Pledges

If you wish to tithe via GIRO, interbank transfers, or internet banking, you may do so using the following details:

Account Name: Paya Lebar Methodist Church • **Bank Name:** DBS BANK LTD

Bank Code: 7171 • **Branch Code:** 023 • **Account Number:** 023-905121-9

Cross Over Camp 2017: Family Prayer Covenant

A gentle reminder to all parents and guardians of the Primary 6 children attending the Cross Over Camp: the Cross Over Family Prayer Covenant session will take place **TODAY at the Covenant Chapel**. Meet the Pastor (closed session) with Pastor Wendy begins at 1.45pm. The service starts at 2.00pm and lunch will be provided at Conference Room, Level 3, Covenant Centre at 1pm. An email has been sent out to all the parents on the above.

DivorceCare

DivorceCare is a support group that meets fortnightly for 13 sessions on Thursdays from 7.30pm-9.30pm. You'll find it to be a warm, caring environment and will come to see your group as an "oasis" in an otherwise difficult season of your life. Find help and healing for the hurt of separation and divorce. For more details, please email Grace at grace@plmc.org.

PLMC Bereavement Support Teams

Do you have a heart for those who are bereaved and grieving? We need members who can be a supportive and loving presence at wake services and help out in practical ways like arranging chairs, distributing service bulletins, and even playing the keyboard as part of our PLMC Bereavement Support Teams. Please leave your name and contact details at the Contact Point if you are interested. Or contact Soo Hoong at 6285 1234 or soohoong@plmc.org for more information.

Admin Matters

We would greatly appreciate it if *Ms Soh Bee Lay* could contact Amanda Jong at the Church Office at 6285 1234 ext 153 during our office hours.

Pastoral Team Update

Bishop Emeritus Dr Wee Boon Hup joined the Pastoral Team as Pastor on 1 August 2017. Bishop Wee may be reached at email weebh@plmc.org.

Counselling Services

Are you feeling overwhelmed and stressed out with struggles in your life and need someone to share with? You can contact our trained counsellors for an appointment at pastoralcare@plmc.org or [62851234](tel:62851234).

PLMC Inner Healing Ministry

An inner healing and deliverance ministry (which uses Sozo tools) that helps you enhance personal connection with God, empowering you to fulfil your God-given purpose. For appointments or enquiries, email plihm@plmc.org or call [81190555](tel:81190555).

PrayerFocus

This week we focus our attention on persons with special needs.

The Purple Parade will be held on 28 October. Now in its 5th year, it is a movement that supports the inclusion & celebrates the abilities of persons with special needs or disabilities. It is a movement towards a more inclusive society by opening our eyes to people with special needs, in our community.

The first ever World report on disability, produced jointly by WHO and the World Bank, suggests that more than a billion people in the world today experience disability. As we come together to support and reach out to persons with special needs let us also pray for the following:

1. Pray for more workers to come forward to reach out to persons with disabilities. The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.
2. As we work towards building an inclusive society, let us pray that God's people will be ready to welcome and make the disabled feel at home in our churches.

3. Each disability group has its own unique challenges and needs. Pray for governments, civil society, businesses and indeed all of us to have a greater understanding and willingness to meet these needs.

4. Pray that continued efforts be made to remove architectural, attitudinal, social, cultural, educational, employment and any other barriers that prevent the total integration and equal treatment of persons with special needs in the community and the church.

5. Pray for caregivers especially for those who are caring for the bed-ridden. May the Lord grant lots of patience, understanding and strength and may He send help and support when they need rest and relief.

Testimony

I have recently given birth and would like to share my experience of God's love during my pregnancy. May it encourage our brothers and sisters in Christ.

During the early stage of my pregnancy, I had spotting. It lasted for a few months. I visited a gynaecologist and was told I had fibroids. Not sure if that was the reason for spotting, I was given hormone tablets which I took for a few months but still the spotting didn't stop. One day, I approached Pastor Lynette for prayer. She prayed over me and at the end of the prayer she told me she saw my baby in a bubble. Baby was in a safe place. I went back with that in mind. I went for further check-ups and realised I have a type of blood disorder and an abnormal womb shape. These results caused me to worry more and I was scared.

One evening while I was preparing dinner, I suddenly bled very heavily. I cried thinking I was going to lose this child. Not knowing what to do, I cried, calling my husband, my mom and my friend. My friend rushed down to send me to the hospital. While waiting for her, I felt so helpless, thinking of the worse scenario. I asked God for help. This sense of helplessness was too much. I realised nothing I did could make me keep or lose this child. When the doctor finally arrived, she scanned and told me Baby was active. I felt relieved for that moment. I was prescribed

stronger hormone tablets. Finally, the spotting ended in my 5th month of pregnancy. I didn't dare to walk much and had to work from home. Thank God for my understanding bosses.

Throughout the pregnancy, I experienced times of sadness, negativity and worrying. I prayed every morning asking Him for His blessing to be worry-free, protection against illnesses and not-too-long labour. Thankfully, God blessed me. I also asked God for an obvious sign to know when the time was due for labour, as there can be many signs.

The time finally arrived, and I had slight bleeding. This was an obvious sign. I was in labour for 8 hours. It was such an excruciating pain, and worried I may faint, I asked for an epidural. It eased the pain but also numbed my senses till I did not know where to exert the push. The doctor kept telling me I did not push hard enough and I did not push correctly. But I could not feel anything. When the doctor told me my baby's heart rate was dropping, I was once again fearing the loss of my child. I prayed, "Lord, I need Your divine intervention. I cannot do this alone." Then I heard someone say, "Can see already! Push harder, only you can do it now." I pushed as hard as I could and Baby was delivered. I was so touched by God's amazing love. It has to be God's hands because I know I was still not pushing right.

This is the start of motherhood and there are more challenges ahead. I am trusting God for strength and perseverance to do it right.

I would like to request for prayer for my breast milk production, that it will improve so I can feed my baby exclusively on it. Thank you. - *Alina*

Testimonies

We welcome testimonies of God's work in your life as an encouragement to others! Please email your testimony to testimonies@plmc.org, along with your name and contact details.

Suicide Awareness Talk

This talk gives you an understanding of suicide and its warning signs. Benson will also suggest how you can help people who are having suicidal thoughts. Join us in this talk and learn how you can help to prevent a possible suicide.

Date/Time: Saturday, 4 Nov 2017/9.30am-12noon • **Venue:** Covenant Chapel • **Cost:** \$10/person • **Speaker:** Mr Benson Soh (Licensed Social Worker and part-time counsellor with Fitness and Health International) Register at Contact Point after service by **29 Oct 2017**. For further enquiries contact Kwang Meng at 6285 1234 or email nurture@plmc.org.

Infant & Child Baptism

Why be Baptised?

- **A mark of God's grace**

In Infant Baptism, we clearly see the objectivity of the gospel with the initiative coming from God.

- **A response of our faith**

The parents affirm on behalf of their child the need for repentance and faith (therefore, one of the parents will need to be baptised).

Infant Baptism Class (compulsory for parents):

Friday, 3 Nov 2017/7.45pm-9.30pm • **Venue:** Conference Room

Infant Baptism Service: Sunday, 24 Dec 2017 (worship service)

Registration: Obtain, complete & submit forms (together with Child's BC) at Contact Point. **Closing date:** TODAY. Enquiries contact Andy at andy@plmc.org (Church Office)

TRAC Fireplace

Once a month, come & join people who hunger for more of God and His revival in the Holy Spirit for TRAC churches. This revival prayer meeting is open to all. There is no fixed agenda or speaker, but there will be plenty of worship & prayer time. See you there!

Date/Time: Friday, 10 Nov 2017/7.30pm • **Venue:** Covenant Chapel

Children's Ministry

1. Silver Boxes Kindy Camp Agape 2017

Dear Parents and Children,

The Kindy Department of Silver Boxes is organising CAMP AGAPE 2017, a day camp for our K1 and K2 children (ages 5 and 6 as of 2017) to experience God's love and develop a heart of compassion for the senior citizens of Econ Home, located at the nearby Recreation Road.

Our programme includes games, songs and Bible stories, as well as craft time, where the children will make a gift to bless the elderly residents. There will also be time allocated on day one to rehearse their parts for a blessing item at Econ Home on **Sunday, 3 December 2017**.

Through CAMP AGAPE, we hope our children can learn what it means to be ***"A Family Blessed to Bless the Community and the Nations"***.

We hope that you will encourage your child to sign up and register him/her at our very first CAMP AGAPE. Feel free to contact Carolyn at 9030 4562 or email her at carolyn@plmc.org for more information.

Date/Time: Saturday, 2 Dec 2017/10.00am-8.00pm & Sunday, 3 Dec 2017/ 8.45am-12.00pm • **Venue:** Paya Lebar Methodist Church • **Cost:** \$10 per person (incl. meals) • **Register By:** Sunday, 12 Nov 2017

An Evening Of Commemorative Prayer

You and your loved ones are welcome to join us for an evening of prayer to commemorate 3 notable events:-

- 1) 31 Oct 1517 - the 500th Anniversary of Reformation Day (Martin Luther);
- 2) 31 Oct 1917 - the 100th Anniversary of the Balfour Declaration which allowed for the formation of Israel;
- 3) 31 Oct 2010 - the 7th Anniversary of the move of the Holy Spirit during the main services in PLMC.

Date/Time: Tuesday, 31 Oct 17/8.00pm • **Venue:** Covenant Chapel

Glowing Years Ministry

1. Half Day Seniors Session at Sentosa (sponsored by Health Promotion Board)

Date/Time: Monday, 30 Oct 2017/7.30am-12.30pm • **Venue:** PLMC Plaza **Cost:** \$2 per pax (Only for seniors 50 years and above, 1 caregiver allowed per pax), Complimentary snacks & entry into Sentosa • **Programme includes:** exercises/skits/talk & visit to selected places of interest in Sentosa

2. GYM Discovery Walk – Tampines Cultural Hub cum Central Park

Date/Time: Saturday, 4 Nov 17/6.45 am • **Meeting Place:** PLMC Plaza • **Cost:** \$2 per person

3. TRAC GYM Annual Anniversary Dinner

Date/Time: Friday, 17 Nov 2017/7.30pm • **Venue:** Ban Heng Restaurant (Harbour Front) • **Cost:** \$30 per person

4. GYM/Peranakan Service Christmas Event – Theme Traffic Light

Date/Time: Saturday, 9 Dec 2017/3pm-7pm • **Venue:** Haven Room • **Cost:** \$15 per pax (includes buffet dinner) • **Dress Code:** Red, Orange or Green

Register at the GYM Counter **TODAY**. For more details, refer to the GYM Notice Board opposite the breakfast counter in the Fellowship Hall or contact Henry Goh at [96737378](tel:96737378) or Evelyn Chua at [91122091](tel:91122091).

Missions Trip to India

Rev Dr Jonathan Seet and Rev Christopher Chin will be leading a team to India in December. Come, join us to move in Power and Love.

Duration of Trip: 3-9 Dec 2017 • **Cost:** Approx. \$1500

Description of ministry work: Village ministry, night rallies, rice distribution

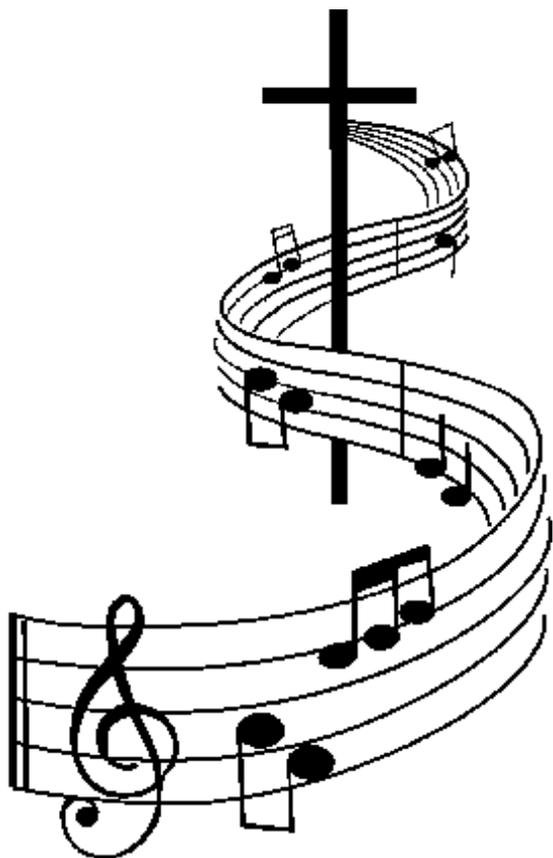
Register at the Contact Point. For more information, contact Pastor Chris at 62851234 or email chris@plmc.org.

WORSHIP MUSIC & CREATIVE ARTS MINISTRY

CHRISTMAS SERVICE RECRUITMENT

Come participate in our Christmas Celebration
on 25 Dec and join in the fun!

We are looking for *Singers, Dancers, Stage Hands,
Wardrobe IC, Ensemble and Pianist/organist.*



**COMPULSORY
COMBINED REHEARSALS:**
10, 16, 17 Dec, 2.30pm-5.30pm
& 22 Dec, 7.30pm-10.30pm

*Want a more meaningful Christmas this year?
Sign up at the Contact Point today!*

Areas interested (please tick):

- COMBINED CHOIR** (practices are on 12, 19 & 26 Nov; 10, 17 & 24 Dec, 9 or 11am at the Music Room)
- DANCERS - 11 yrs and above** (practices are on 26 Oct, 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 Nov, 7 & 14 Dec)
- ENSEMBLE** (practices are on 18 & 25 Nov, 2, 9 & 16 Dec, 2.30pm-5.30pm)
- PIANIST/ORGANIST****
- STAGE HANDS**
- WARDROBE IC**

PERSONAL DETAILS

Name: (Mr/Ms)** _____

Contact No: _____ (Hp/Home)**

Email: _____ Age: _____

Regular Worship Service: _____

Church Membership: Yes / No**

In Cell Group?: Yes / No**

(If Yes, indicate Cell Group Name/ Leader) _____

Ministry currently serving in (if any): _____

For any queries, please email Mrs Susanna Kam at susanna@plmc.org.

Please drop this form at the Contact Point. Thank you for serving the Lord with us!

All information provided for us is for the church internal records and administrative purposes only. By providing your information, you agree that the church and any of its representatives may contact you on any matters relating to the church.

Signature: _____

** Please cancel where applicable